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SHORTAGE OF SCIENTISTS IN CIFE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of the Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai are hampered due to acute shortage of scientists;

(b) if so, the number of such posts lying vacant as on date;

(c) whether the building work of the deemed University planned in 1986 has not been commenced so far and also against annual demand of 200 fisheries scientists, only 221 passed out from 1995 to 2000;

(d) if so, the reasons for these failures; and

(e) the steps being taken to remedy these shortcomings?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) : As on date 37 scientific positions in different categories are lying vacant in Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai. The activities of the institute are not hampered since teaching programmes are duly attended to with the help of guest faculty and invited lectures from other organizations. The action has already been taken to fill up these vacancies.

(c) The construction activities of the deemed University have already commenced. The projected manpower requirement of 200 fisheries scientists per year is on a national basis. 25 percent of the national requirement is being met out by the CIFE, Mumbai and the rest is through 12 Fisheries Colleges under the State Agricultural University (SAU) system.

(d) & (e) : In view of (a), (b) and (c) above, the questions does not arise.